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In re Application of: James Morrow, et al. Examiner: PANDYA, Sunit

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MACHINE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND ADVISORY ACTION REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed April 10, 2007, as well as the Advisory Action of July 13, 2007, and is timely filed with a one month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 30-45 and 48 are pending in the present application. Claims 30-45 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marnell, II (U.S. Patent No. 5,393,057) in view of Giobbi (of record). Applicants have filed a 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration of Prior Invention swearing behind the unclaimed subject matter of the Giobbi reference (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0107072; U.S. Patent No. 6,749,510).

Claims 30, 37, 38, 45, and 48 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.